

SENATE—Tuesday, November 2, 1999

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, You have called the men and women of this Senate to glorify You by being servant-leaders. The calling is shared by the officers of the Senate, Senators' staffs, and all who enable the work done in this Chamber. Keep us focused on the liberating truth that we are here to serve by serving our Nation. Our sole purpose is to accept Your absolute Lordship over our own lives and then give ourselves totally to the work this day.

Give us the enthusiasm that comes from knowing the high calling of serving in government. Grant us the holy esteem of knowing that You seek to accomplish Your plan for America through the legislation of this Senate. Free us from secondary, self-serving goals. Help us to humble ourselves and ask how we may serve today. We know that happiness comes not from having things or getting recognition but from serving in the great cause of implementing Your righteousness, justice, and mercy for every person and in every circumstance of this Nation. We take delight in the ultimate paradox of life: The more we give ourselves away, the more we can receive of Your life. In our Lord's name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MIKE DEWINE, a Senator from the State of Ohio, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will resume consideration momentarily of the conference report to accompany the District of Columbia, Labor-HHS, and Education bill. By previous consent, at 10 a.m., the Senate will proceed to a vote on the conference report. That vote will be followed up by two cloture votes in relation to the Carib-

bean/African trade bill. Senators can expect then at least two stacked votes to begin at approximately 10 a.m. Cloture is expected to be invoked on the trade bill, and therefore the Senate will begin 30 hours of postcloture debate during today's session of the Senate. It is hoped this bill can be completed in the next day or so, certainly before the end of the week, because we do have some other very important issues we want to complete this week. We do want to take up the financial services modernization conference report, and we want to move to the bankruptcy bill that Senator DASCHLE and I have been trying to get an agreement on how to bring to the floor. We have had objection so far, but we are going to persist in getting this to the floor in a way that would be fair to both sides.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all second-degree amendments must be filed at the desk by 10 a.m. today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I also ask unanimous consent that all amendments to the pending trade bill must be relevant to the substitute or the issue of trade and all other provisions of rule XXII be in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. We will work to get a time for those amendments to be filed because we do need to get a look at those amendments, even though they are relevant, just so they can be considered by the managers of the legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all first-degree amendments be filed by 2 p.m. today, notwithstanding rule XXII.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time I am about to use come out of my leader time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WALTER PAYTON

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Walter Payton was the pride of Columbia, MS. He died all too early this past Monday at the age of 45 years—too young for a person of such integrity, ability, and generosity.

The Clarion Ledger newspaper of my home State this morning wrote a mag-

nificent article about him. It said Walter Payton amazed his Mississippi teammates with his kindness almost as often as he dazzled them with his ability. They tell of a man who studied audiology in college after playing high school football with a deaf friend. That told a lot about the early life of this outstanding young man, and it is the kind of life he lived until his final day this past Monday.

Surprisingly, the man who would become a great football player did not even try out for football until his junior year in high school, choosing instead to play drums in the high school band. But he learned the game of football as fast as he could run, and long before the Nation had heard of the Chicago Bear named "Sweetness," Mississippians were cheering a Jefferson High superhero they called "Spiderman" and a Jackson State Tiger known as Walter.

His 3,563 yards rushing at Jackson State University was one of nine school records he set, and he scored a college career total of 66 touchdowns. At Jackson State, in 1973, he led the Nation in scoring with 160 points, and his 464 career points set an NCAA record. But Jackson State was a Division 1-AA school, and Walter did not get the same attention as players from some of the bigger, well-known colleges. Still, the Bears knew a caliber player when they saw one, and they knew about some of the other famous Mississippians who had preceded him, so they drafted him fourth in the overall draft in 1975.

In his first NFL game in 1975, he rushed eight times for a total of zero yards. But that did not tell the story of what was to come. The Bears did not give up on him, and Walter Payton didn't give up on himself. He worked as hard in Chicago as he had in Mississippi. By the end of his rookie year, he had started seven games and rushed for 679 yards and seven touchdowns. The next year he had the first of what would be 10 1,000-yard seasons, rushing for 1,390 yards and 13 touchdowns.

NFL coaches termed him the "complete football player." Just last night, I saw Mike Ditka saying he was the best, most complete football player he had ever seen. He bested Jim Brown's longstanding rushing record of 12,312 yards in 1984.

But he also was more than just a football player. He worked to help mankind. He created the Halas/Payton Foundation to assist Chicago inner-city youth in completing their education. He believed in nurturing young people through education and inspiration, and he knew that the rewards of